



Basic Information for Residential Fencing

June 2023



GENERAL INFORMATION:

All new and/or replacement fences require a building permit prior to construction. Please note that swimming pool barrier fences are subject to a different set of guidelines.

PLAN AND APPLICATION SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Provide an application.
2. Provide a site plan that clearly is required that indicates the location of the proposed fence.
3. Plans must indicate proposed materials to construct the fence i.e. wood, wrought iron, etc.
4. Show all proposed gates and the swing of all gates.
5. When the permit is issued, obtain a copy of the permit and the approved plans from the permit technician.

INSPECTIONS:

1. Inspection of the fence construction is required after all work is completed.
2. Request an inspection calling the Inspection Request Line @ 972-227-2994 and provide the requested information. Inspections requests received after 7:00 A.M. are scheduled for the next working day.

FENCING SPECIFICATIONS:

1. All fencing must be constructed on private property.
2. Fencing in rear yards may not exceed 8 feet in height.
3. Fencing in the front yard may not exceed 4 feet in height and must be at least 50% open, i.e., picket fence.
4. Fences taller than 4 feet in height must be set back from the front corners of the house a minimum of 5 feet.

The entire fence ordinance is located in Article 6.07 in the City of Lancaster Code of Ordinances: <http://www.lancaster-tx.com/663/Code-of-Ordinances>

FEES:

The permit fee for a residential fence is determined by resolution set by the city council annually.